



URBAN DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR, 1937.

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NORTH-WEST SHROPSHIRE HEALTH DISTRICTS.

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Report of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the Year 1937.

SECTION A.

Area	1,206 Acres
Number of inhabited houses according to rate books	...	...	550
Rateable Value	...	...	£10,218
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	£38
Population	...	...	1,890

Agriculture and its allied industries are the chief occupations of the District, and there are in it no trades which could be regarded as injurious to health.

The Vital Statistics are as follows :—

	Male	Female.
Live Births, Legitimate,	13	8
" " Illegitimate	0	1
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Totals	13	9
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representing a rate of 11.63 per 1,000 population.

There were no stillbirths.

Deaths of infants under 1 year	Male	Female.
Legitimate	1	2
Illegitimate	0	0
Total Deaths were—13 Male.	13 Female.	Total 26.

representing a rate of 14.81 per 1,000. Of the deaths, 8 were from diseases of the Heart; 4 were from Cancer, and 2 from Tuberculosis. There were no puerperal deaths.

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

Public Health Officers. Dr. W. M. Casper, M.R.C.S., is the Medical Officer of Health. The Sanitary Inspector is Mr. W. H. Davis, M.S.I.A., A.M.I.S.E., who also fills the offices of Surveyor, Sewage Works Manager and Markets Superintendent.

Nursing in the home is carried out by District Nurses not under the control of the Council.

Legislation in force, Laboratory Facilities, Hospitals, Ambulance arrangements, Clinics and Treatment Centres are as before, no change having taken place.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the District.

Water Supply.

The water supply of the District is good, both in quantity and quality. The Scotland Street main has been extended to supply the Council's new housing scheme, Beech Grove, on the Oswestry Road. The supply is also ample for use in case of fire. Many properties in the Ellesmere Rural area are supplied from the Urban Council's mains.

Sewerage and Drainage.

So far as your sewerage works are concerned there is no change to record. The effluents continue to be good and give no cause for complaint.

The Government Department of Industrial and Scientific Research are still engaged in carrying out their research work at the sewage works of the United Dairies Milk Factory into the treatment of Milk Factory Effluents, and the same spirit of helpfulness and advice continues to be given when asked for.

Extensions to the sewers for serving the Beech Grove Housing Scheme have been carried out on the partially separate system, all highway water being discharged direct to the Newnes Brook, while the soil sewage goes to the Newnes Brook sewage works for treatment.

Streams.

Of the two known remaining sources of stream pollution, one has been remedied by the closing of the James Yard cottages since the completion of the new housing scheme. The known remaining source from the County Council's Public Institution (Assistance) will close when the building which now is derelict, is pulled down.

Closet Accommodation.

All new houses are connected to the sewers, otherwise there is no change.

Public Cleansing.

The two tips are still in use, also the covered cart for refuse collection. The watch for rats is still kept and their destruction is effected when observed.

Slaughter Houses.

The old slaughter houses are still in use. These are very unsatisfactory, but the continued delay in deciding the future of slaughtering in private slaughter houses makes it very difficult to secure any improvement. In two cases the tenants are prepared to consider the erection of new premises entirely, but are not willing to spend the money necessary for this purpose until they know what their position as to being allowed to slaughter privately will be in the future. All offals produced at these slaughterhouses are regularly collected and conveyed to the artificial manure works for conversion into manures.

Smoke Abatement.

Mechanical stokers are still in use in the Area.

Smoke Observations	7.
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There has been no case in which offensive smoke has been discharged.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There is no change under this head.

Schools.

The old schools are still in use, and the delay in the provision of new schools is to be regretted. This delay is due to the necessity for selecting an alternative site to that of the old derelict Public Assistance Institution and it is hoped that now this difficulty has apparently been overcome, this very pressing need of the District will soon become a thing of the past.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The number and nature of the visits made during the year are :—

Bakehouses	...	35
Slaughterhouses	...	545
Meat and Foodshops	...	74
Factories, Workshops and Workplaces		49
Cowsheds and Milkshops	...	58
Public Urinals and Public Lavatories		262
Nuisances	...	35

The number of notices served during the year are :—

Statutory	...	4
Informal	...	17
Verbal	...	23

SECTION D.

Housing.

A start on the erection of the new houses in Beech Grove was made in July and at the end of the year 32 houses out of the 38 had been roofed in, and the brickwork in the remaining 6 being well in hand, and the inside works were also making good progress.

The inspection of dwelling houses during the year was as follows :—

Total number of houses inspected for defects	...	35
Number of inspections made	...	73

Number of dwelling houses included above and recorded	...	12
Number of inspections made for this purpose	...	16
Number of dwelling houses found to be not in all respects fit for human habitation		13
Number of houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its Officers	...	13

No statutory action was taken during the year in respect of houses

No Closing Order or Undertaking was determined during the year, all those in force will be determined in the near future when new houses are expected to be ready for occupation by the persons affected.

SECTION E.

Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Factories.	Inspections, 14.	Notices, 3.	Prosecutions, 0
Workshops	„ 35.	„ 2	„ 0
Workplaces	„ 0.	„ 0.	„ 0

The defects found were neglect in whitewashing and neglect to keep Sanitary Accommodation in good condition. All defects were remedied without further action.

Outworkers	...	0
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SECTION F

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply.

Number of persons on Retail Register of Purveyors	10
Number of persons on Register of Wholesale Traders and Producers	11
Number of Premises on Register of Dairies	12
Number of Inspections of Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	58

The reason for the reduction in the number of retailers is due to the persons selling to the factory only under the Milk Marketing Scheme.

Meat and Other Foods.

Number of Slaughterhouse Inspections	...	545
Number of Inspections of Foodshops and Meatshops		74
Number of Carcases of animals killed for human food inspected		1,513
Number of Carcases Wholly condemned as unfit for human food		4
Number of Organs condemned as unfit for human food		17

The whole carcases condemned were 2 beef carcases for generalised tuberculosis, both beasts having been bought in a cattle market by auction after having been graded as suitable to qualify for Subsidy under the Meat grading scheme. Both beasts appeared good on appearance during life. One carcase was that of a sheep with uraemia, and one of a pig with generalised tuberculosis.

The diseased conditions found in the organs were, Tuberculosis, Hydatid Cysts and Liver Flukes, with Cirrhosis.

Adulteration and Sampling.

There is no change to report under this head.

W. M. CASPER, M.O.H.

